

Remarks

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7, 10 and 11 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by EP 1020332A2 to Dancasius et al. ("Dancasius").

Claim 5 has been canceled.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite a vehicle steering wheel, comprising a skeleton, a gas bag module which is axially movably coupled with said skeleton in such a way that by pressing against said gas bag module a contact is closed for actuating a horn, and a resilient return element for said gas bag module, said gas bag module including a gas bag with an opening edge defining an inflation opening as well as including a flange clamping said opening edge on an inside of said gas bag for fastening said gas bag, bearing pins being provided which directly engage said flange and which are attached to one of said skeleton and a part stationarily mounted directly to said skeleton wherein said bearing pins are threaded pins permanently fixed in said flange and wherein nuts are provided which nuts engage one of said skeleton and said part, which part is directly and stationarily mounted on said skeleton, and which nuts have an outer surface forming a lateral guidance for said gas bag module, said bearing pins being screwed into said nuts.

Dancasius does not disclose pins that are threaded pins permanently fixed in a flange wherein nuts are provided that engage a skeleton and a part. In Dancasius, there is no nut

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threaded onto bearing pin 40a. Further, Dancasius does disclose that bearing pin 40a is permanently fixed to flange 40. Accordingly, Dancasius does not disclose the structure of claim 1, and therefore, claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 6-7 and 10 have been amended to correct formal matters.

Claims 2-4, 6-7 and 10 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 and are allowable for substantially the same reasons as claim 1 and for the specific limitations recited therein. Accordingly, allowance of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Claim 11 has been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being made obvious by Dancasius in view of official notice taken by the Examiner.

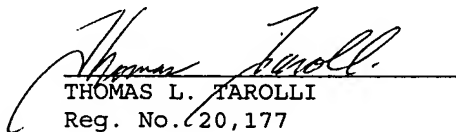
Claim 11 depends from claim 1 and is allowable for substantially the same reasons as claim 1 and for the specific limitations recited therein. Accordingly, allowance of claim 11 is respectfully requested.

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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,


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